GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5313
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BHARAT RATAN AWARD
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines adopted by the Government to award Bharat Ratan to any person; and

(b) the names of the persons who have been awarded Bharat Ratan ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): In terms of the statutes and rules relating to Bharat Ratna, the decoration is awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order. The recommendations for Bharat Ratna award are made by the Prime Minister to the President and are announced by the President`s Secretariat after obtaining approval of the President. It is the Prime Minister`s prerogative to consult any one he chooses. No formal recommendations for this are necessary.

(b): A State-wise list containing the names of 40 persons who have been conferred Bharat Ratna award till date is annexed. Bharat Ratna has not been conferred on Sant Tukadoji Maharaj.